

~~closed cavity forming sections generally running from the front end to the rear end of the skateboard;~~
and

shaping the metal skateboard near said front end and rear end at a predetermined angle in a shape suitable for a skateboard, the skateboard adapted to be ridden by a standing person whose feet extend generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the skateboard.

19. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 18, further ~~including annealing the metal skateboard before shaping the metal skateboard.~~

22. (Recited) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 18, further including providing a foam filler in at least one of the one or more cavity forming sections.

~~23. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 18, wherein said step of providing a metal skateboard includes providing a metal skateboard in less than a T-5 tempered hardness condition prior to shaping the metal skateboard.~~

24. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 18, wherein said metal skateboard is made of an aluminum material.

25. (Twice Amended) A method of manufacturing a skateboard, the skateboard adapted to be ridden by a standing person whose feet extend generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the skateboard, comprising:

extruding an elongated metal skateboard made of an aluminum alloy, the elongated metal skateboard having a front end, a rear end, a top surface, a bottom surface, a left edge, a right edge, and one or more longitudinally elongated continuous closed cavity forming sections generally running from the front end to the rear end of the skateboard, at least one of the cavity forming sections having a width and a height, the width being greater than the height;

shaping the elongated metal skateboard into a shape suitable for a skateboard; and

~~hardening the elongated metal skateboard by subjecting the metal skateboard to a heat treatment process, the skateboard adapted to be ridden by a standing person whose feet extend generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the skateboard.~~

26. (Recited) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 25, wherein the aluminum alloy is a 6000 series alloy.

27. (Recited) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 25, wherein the aluminum alloy is a 6005 alloy.

~~28. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 25, wherein the metal skateboard is in a T-4 tempered hardness condition before shaping the elongated metal skateboard and is hardened by said heat treatment process to at least a T-5 hardness condition after shaping the metal skateboard.~~

~~29. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 25, further including annealing the elongated metal skateboard prior to shaping the metal skateboard.~~

30. (Recited) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 29, wherein the aluminum alloy is a 6000 series alloy.

31. (Recited) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 25, wherein the aluminum alloy is a 6061 alloy.

32. (Recited) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 25, wherein the metal skateboard is annealed to a T-0 tempered hardness condition.

33. (Recited) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 25, wherein the metal skateboard is hardened by the heat treatment process to at least a T-5 tempered hardness condition after shaping the metal skateboard.

~~34. (Twice Amended) A method of manufacturing a skateboard, the skateboard adapted to be ridden by a standing person whose feet extend generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the skateboard, comprising:~~

~~extruding an elongated aluminum metal skateboard having a front end, a rear end, a top surface, a bottom surface, a left edge, a right edge, and one or more longitudinally elongated continuous closed cavity forming sections generally running from the front end to the rear end of the skateboard;~~

~~annealing the elongated metal skateboard; and~~

~~shaping the elongated metal skateboard into a form suitable for a skateboard, the skateboard adapted to be ridden by a standing person whose feet extend generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the skateboard.~~

35. (Recited) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 34, wherein annealing includes annealing to less than a T-5 hardness condition.

~~36. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 34, further including hardening the metal skateboard to at least a T-5 hardness condition.~~

~~37. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a skateboard, the skateboard adapted to be ridden by a standing person whose feet extend generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the skateboard, comprising:~~

~~extruding an elongated aluminum metal skateboard having a front end, a rear end, a top surface, a bottom surface, a left edge, a right edge, and one or more longitudinally elongated sections;~~

~~shaping the metal skateboard near said front end and rear ends into a predetermined shape; and~~

~~heat treating the metal skateboard to reduce stresses formed in the metal skateboard, the skateboard adapted to be ridden by a standing person whose feet extend generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the skateboard.~~